

81. (New) An arrangement in accordance with claim 80, wherein the filter arrangement of the summation signal signal processing arrangement is configured so as to filter the digital summation signal with a $75 \mu s$ pre-emphasis so as to produce a conditioned digital summation signal.

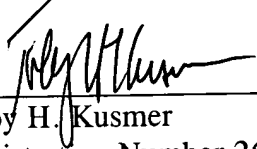
REMARKS

Claims 7-9 and 49-81 remain in this application. Claims 60-81 have been added by this amendment.

Claims 60-68 are based, in part, on the claims 1-3 and 9 allowed in US Patent No. 6,037,993 issued on March 14, 2000 issuing from an application filed March 17, 1997 (more than 10 months after Applicant's first application, filed June 7, 1996, upon which the present application claims priority). A copy of the Easley patent is being filed herewith as an attachment to an Information Disclosure Statement, although the patent is not prior art with respect to the submitted claims. These claims have clear support in Applicant's original disclosure. Claims 69-81 have also been added.

Submitted with this response is a check in the amount of \$928.00 for the additional claims presented by this amendment. Please charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 501133.

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